

NEWTON YOUTH COMMISSION Meeting
February 12, 2014 MINUTES
Location: Newton City Hall, Room 222

Present:	Matt Green, Tom Pomeroy, John Panica, Kim Gallagher, Jay Harney, Kirsten Touhy
Staff:	Jennifer O’Leary, Jenna Olson (Intern)
Students:	Sarah Smith, Eliza Beth, Jacob Prince, Jonah Kan

The meeting was opened at 7:05 PM.

A vote to accept the minutes of January 8, 2014 was passed.

Treasurer’s Report:

- The budget for FY 2014 is \$2,500
- Expenses to date include:
 - \$1,000.00 allotted for Youth Resource Cards
 - \$1,500.00 Balance
 - \$586.12 Revolving Account Balance

Business:

Update from the Mayor’s Public Service Interns:

- Youth Resource Cards were printed and were very well received
- Updates on the Youth Summit –
 - New date: March 26th
 - New location: Newton North Auditorium
 - Need to rethink speed questioning logistics in case of a large turnout, but everything else is finished
 - Need to re-advertise for the new date and location

Mental Health Discussion:

- Update about the community meeting held on Tuesday night at NSHS following a third teen suicide
- Update on the Newton Cares: Coalition for Suicide Prevention and Mental Health
- Discussion of how to partner with Newton Cares and help supplement their work as we move forward
- Discussion of how to reach the parents who don’t normally attend parent workshops/information sessions
- Update on the SOS curriculum being implemented in the schools
- Discussion of how we could make the public more aware of resources and strategies for community awareness and the idea of something like the anonymous crime tip hotline for people to call in about someone they are worried about for a well-being check
- John Panica will look into the numbers of how often the crime tip line is used and how it is advertised

Update on Commission changes:

- Applications available online, need to spread the word and encourage people to apply

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

The next meeting is Wednesday, March 5, 2014.

Respectfully submitted by Jennifer O'Leary